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DEATH.

On the 11th February, at the Government Civil Hospital, Capt. WILLIAM HUTTON, of S.S. *Benlomond*.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CL. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 15th FEBRUARY, 1904

No very startling development in affairs in the North has been witnessed since our issue of Saturday. The engagement off Aomori, in the northern part of Honshu, the main island of the Japanese Empire, shows that it has become of Russian's Vladivostok squadron since the outbreak of war. The strait which runs between Honshu and Hokkaido is roughly opposite Vladivostok, some 450 miles away. Four Russian cruisers, whose names are unknown, proceeded along the coast of Northern Japan met two steamers, one of 1,073 tons and the other of 233 tons, and sunk the larger, while the smaller escaped to Fukuyama, on the Hokkaido coast. Then, according to the telegram forwarded by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the Russian ships seem to have fallen in with a Japanese torpedo-boat, possibly searching for Russian vessels, and to have suffered so heavily as to lose three of their number. Without details this is rather hard to understand, unless the torpedo-boats succeeded in delivering a night attack on their larger foes. Official confirmation must be awaited, and we have yet to hear the Russian version. As regards the Port Arthur fighting, we now have, by the courtesy of the Japanese Consul, the substance of Admiral Togo's official report. It does not add much to our knowledge, but helps to correct previous information. The Russian vessels succeeded in gaining safety in the inner harbour of Port Arthur on the 9th instant. Admiral Togo, who is the Naval Commander-in-Chief on the Japanese side, confines himself to stating the Japanese

losses, which were very slight—four men killed and fifty-four wounded—and does not guess at the Russian figures; nor does he say that any Russian ships were badly disabled, though this we know from Admiral Alexeiev's admissions. Of course there may have been more in the report on this point. It does not seem that the entrance to Port Arthur harbour is blocked by a sunken warship, as alleged in some telegrams. The Japanese, after their victorious brush with the two Russian vessels off Chemulpo and their landing at that port, have now occupied Seoul, and are no doubt preparing to meet any Russian concentration in the Yalu Valley we have had no news of Russia's activity in that quarter. It is impossible to believe that she is not active, however.

The news from St. Petersburg is interesting. Consternation reigns, a panic is occurring on the Bourse, Government securities are experiencing heavy falls, and some banks are on the verge of ruin. The successes of Japan have struck Russia "all of a heap." The Tsar is credited with a ridiculous speech to the effect that "a treacherous foe has in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (? and) fleet." It appears as if the Tsar expected the Japanese to invite his fleet out from Port Arthur or, as in the old Maori days in New Zealand, to fix a day on which they would be willing to come and fight there. But the Tsar is now a very much discredited personage. He might well think of his speech a month ago in the Council Chamber at St. Petersburg, "Am I the Emperor of Russia or am I not? Am I the Emperor of Peace, or am I not?" The Emperor of Peace has allowed his Ministers to force a little nation into war, and now does not like the consequences. The Tsar Nicholas stands revealed as a weakling. He may believe his Finance Minister's statement that "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable"; other people will not believe it. As to the accusation of treachery, it is to be noted that, according to Reuters, even the German papers, the least friendly to Japan, ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because the Japanese attacked them without a declaration of war. The British papers, as was to be expected, congratulate Japan on her brilliant commencement. What is the attitude in France we have yet to learn. The Republic is getting ready, but this is not necessarily a bad sign. It is a precautionary measure which no doubt all the Powers will take. It is rather to be wondered at that we do not hear any more of the ships which were coming from the Mediterranean squadron to reinforce our China fleet. The *King Alfred* is now here and will presumably stay until peace is restored, but we still look for those two battleships mentioned some time ago. It is all important at the present moment that Great Britain shall be as strong as possible in the China seas. The end of the present crisis cannot be foreseen, and we must be prepared for all eventualities. We all trust that we shall be spared the necessity of intervention, but should the need ever come we must intervene with force that shall decide the question. We are not in a position to do so yet.

The French Mail of the 12th January was delivered in London on the 10th inst.

Captain D. Macdonald, H.K.Y.C., has been granted leave of absence for four months.

The name of Mr. D. R. Paul has been added to the register of medical and surgical practitioners in the Colony.

The regulations concerning traffic during Race days and cracker-firing during China New Year are published in the *Gazette*.

The Right Rev. Dr. Corfe, Bishop of Corea, arrived in Hongkong by the *Ballaarat* on Saturday, on his way back to his diocese from home.

By the *Ballaarat* on Saturday there arrived in the Colony Capt. C. G. Dicken, our new Commodore, who succeeds Rear-Admiral Robinson. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dicken, both having come out from London.

His Excellency Lord Kitchener has so far recovered that he has been able to dispose of the use of a stick. With only a very slight lameness, apparent from the result of a bone fracture, we are glad to notice, says the *Calcutta Englishman*, that His Excellency can move about with freedom.

The manager of the Hongkong branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha informed us on Saturday that telegraphic advices to hand from the N.Y.K. agents in Colombo state that the *Wakasa Maru*, which left London on or about the 15th January, is laid up in Colombo for the time being; but her passengers for the Straits, China, and Japan have been transferred to the mail steamers *Sydney* and *Coromandel*.

Lat night there was a false alarm of fire at half-past seven in Queen Street.

H.E. Mr. May was among the visitors to the Chinatown Fair last evening.

Lieut. E. W. S. Mahon, R.E., was ordered to China last month for special duty under the Foreign Office.

Members of the Masonic Quadrille Club are reminded that a meeting will be held this evening at six o'clock in the Masonic Hall. There is important business to be discussed.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s manager informed us yesterday that the Foochow cable, which was broken last Thursday morning near Sharp Peak, was repaired at noon yesterday, normal communication with the North being thereby re-established.

Vice-Admiral Sir Gerald H. U. Noel, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., the new British Commander-in-Chief on the China Station in succession to Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, left London on the 5th inst. by the P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, for Hongkong.

We learn from the *Times* of the 12th January that our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Francis Clark, who is a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, has passed the Bar examinations in Roman Law, and in Evidence, Procedure and Criminal Law.

The *L. and C. Express* of the 15th ult. says:—The definite date of the departure from his present post on the Gold Coast of Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., the new Governor of Hongkong, is not yet fixed, but it is expected his Excellency will leave the West Coast in about a month's time. He will make some short stay in this country before proceeding, and would thus probably reach Hongkong early in the summer.

Mr. H. C. Nicolls, Government Auditor at Hongkong, duly left for Colombo on the P. & O. s.s. *Malta* on Saturday. Mr. Nicolls is understood to have been appointed to his post in Ceylon for a few months only. An innovation is being introduced in the Government of that Colony. At present the Audit Office there is not only doing auditing work, but accounting work, and the idea is that the accounting should be transferred to the Treasurer's department. Mr. Nicolls will introduce the new system.

The mortality returns for November, 1903, appear in the *Gazette*. The total for that month was 330—16 in the European and foreign community, of which 15 were in the civil population, and 385 among the Chinese. Chest affections caused 111 deaths and malaria 24. The death rate per 1,000 per annum in the European and foreign community was 17.9; in the Chinese community (land and boat) 1.42; and in the whole civil community, 1.43.

With regard to the despatch of the French armoured cruisers *Amiral Aube*, *Elber*, and *Desaix*, to the Far East, *Le Yacht* wrote last month:—We need hardly say that this is pure fantasy. The three cruisers in question were built in private yards, and are still undergoing their receipt trials. They will not leave Cherbourg for Toulon for some months. According to programme, they should then take the place of the *Chaney*, *Latouche Tréville*, and *Pothuau* in the Mediterranean squadron. Later, if events demand it, they might, of course, be sent to China. But just at present the French Admiralty has not accepted delivery of them.

Many naval officers were present in the large congregation at All Saints Church, Blackheath, on the 13th ultimo, when Mr. Herbert Price, of Hongkong, was married to Miss Ethel Mildred Durston, daughter of Sir John Durston, K.C.B., Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet, of Westcombe Park, Blackheath. Mr. J. H. Hutchinson was best man, and the bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of white satin, accented with chiffon and Brussels lace, and a lace veil over a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Miss Winifred Durston (the bride's sister), Miss May Herbert, and Miss Cous and Miss Adele Mitchell. They were in ivory voile dresses over taffeta silk, trimmed with lace, and wore becoming picture hats.

In the departure of Mr. G. J. W. King, which will take place some time in April, the Colony will lose one of its oldest residents and the Civil Service one of its oldest servants. Mr. King goes home on leave with a view to retirement. He came to Hongkong in 1870, joined the Government service in 1878, then resigned, and went back again in 1881 on a competitive examination. He was in charge of the correspondence at the Central Police Office for seven years, and since then has performed the duties of Land Bailiff of the Colony. He is a prominent Mason, and during his long residence in Hongkong he has associated himself with all sorts of field sports. When Mr. King goes away he will take with him the best wishes of a host of friends.

Before his departure from Bizerta for the Suez Canal Admiral Vieux, who is in command of the Russian squadron now attempting to come out here, made one or two observations of some interest to the superior officers of the French Navy, who had gone to bid him farewell. He made no effort to minimise the gravity of the present crisis, but said that in any event it would have the effect of greatly hastening the full realisation of two of Russia's principal ideals of Naval policy in the Far East. There are to convert Vladivostok and Port Arthur into the two most important Naval arsenals in the Empire, each having a fleet of corresponding strength depending upon it as a base. As a direct result of the present crisis, this project will be fully realised before the end of 1905.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR SINGAPORE JAPANESE RECALLED.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 12.5 p.m.
All the Japanese naval reservists at Singapore have been ordered to return to Japan.

FIGHTING OFF NORTH JAPAN.

SINGAPORE, 13th Feb., 2.40 p.m.
The local office of the Mitsui Bussan

Kaisha has received a telegram stating that Japanese torpedo-boats have destroyed three Russian cruisers near Aomori. An official telegram from the Governor of Hokkaido informs the Tokyo Governor that two Japanese merchantmen were attacked by four Russian ships. One of the Japanese was sunk, while the other escaped. Both were small vessels.

[According to the telegram received here the two Japanese merchantmen were the *Nakanoura Maru*, a steel screw steamer of 1,073 tons, built in 1895 at Hamburg, and owned by the Minamijima Masaku, and the *Zensho Maru*, a wooden screw steamer of 233 tons, built in 1895 at Osaka, Japan, and owned by the Maru Bunsichi. It was the *Nakanoura Maru* which was sunk.—Ed. D.P.]

THE ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR.

KOBE, 12th February, 1.30 p.m.

Admiral Togo, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese squadron, reports that at noon on the 8th inst. the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers attacked the Russian warships at Port Arthur. It is believed that four Russian vessels were damaged.

Next morning the Japanese squadron attacked the Russians, who, the Admiral believed, were much damaged. The Japanese damages were slight. Casualties amounted to about 4 killed and 54 wounded.

GENERAL NEWS

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN SHANGHAI MAN.

SHANGHAI, 14th Feb., 10.15 a.m.

Mr. George McBain died yesterday (Saturday) of bronchitis.

[Mr. George McBain's death will be heard of with great regret in Hongkong, especially among our numerous Shanghai visitors now in the Colony. Mr. McBain was a very well-known merchant and ship-owner, trading under his own name in Shanghai, Hongkong, and Yangtze ports.

He was owner of the steamers *W. Cores de Vries*, *Suoi*, *Pelayo*, *Siam*, and *Shantung*, and was agent for the Shanghai Samatra Tobacco Co. and for the Maatsoappij tot Mijne on Boshchen Landbouw Exploitatie in Langkat. As for the Langkat Co. itself, Mr. McBain practically was it for many years.—Ed. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

LONDON, 10th February.

Owing to a lack of Naval Officers, all Ensigns in the Russian Navy were yesterday granted commissions. The Tsar addressing them said, "A treacherous foe had in the darkness of the night attacked our fortress (? and) fleet."

Mr. Kurihara has left St. Petersburg. A British proclamation of neutrality will appear to-morrow.

The Japanese fleet has bombarded Port Arthur. The Russian battleship *Poltava* and the cruisers *Diane*, *Asold*, and *Norik* were damaged on the waterline. The gunboat *Koreets* was sunk, and the cruiser *Varyag* hopelessly disabled at Chemulpo. The crews took refuge on a French cruiser.

EUROPEAN PRESS COMMENTS.

LONDON, 11th February.

All the British papers unite in congratulating Japan on the brilliant opening of the campaign. Even the German papers ridicule the Russian talk of treachery because they were attacked without a declaration of war.

RUSSIAN DECLARATION OF WAR.

LONDON, 11th February.

The Tsar has issued a manifesto which is virtually a declaration of war.

THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL.

LONDON, 11th February.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to maintain strict neutrality. Mr. Hay's proposals contemplate the restriction of hostilities within the smallest possible area and are regarded as implying that neither Russia nor Japan will be allowed to invade China proper.

BRITISH ATTACKES FOR JAPAN.

LONDON, 12th February.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir William Nicholson and Col. James Haldane, British *Attaches* to the Japanese Army, have started for the Far East. Contractors have undertaken to complete the railway line across Lake Baikal by the 28th inst., or earlier.

FRENCH WARSHIPS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

Several cruisers and destroyers are preparing at Brest and Toulon to proceed to the Far East. Six thousand tons of coal-brigettes have been hastily despatched to Saigon.

THE DAMAGED RUSSIAN SHIPS.

LONDON, 12th February.

Admiral Alexeiev telegraphs that the battleships are so badly damaged that it is difficult to say when they will be ready for sea; the others are expected to be ready in three days to a fortnight.

SEOUL OCCUPIED.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese have occupied Seoul.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian cruisers *Dmitri Donskoi* and *Aurora* and six destroyers have proceeded from Suoz to Jibuti, where they have coaled and will remain till the 18th instant, awaiting the arrival of the battleship *Oshabya*, the transport *Saratoff*, and three destroyers which have already left Suoz, and of several torpedo-boats and transports now in the Canal.

THE LONDON STOCK MARKET.

LONDON, 11th February.

Russian bonds have fallen 1½ % and Japanese have risen ¾ %, reflecting fairly the feeling in London.

RUSSIAN BONDS.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Russian Ministry of Finance warns the public against sacrificing Russia securities owing to heavy falls; he expects a calmer attitude and, "though temporary difficulties are possible, Russia's economic power is unshakable." This is a significant indication of the sensation caused throughout Russia.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN S. PEYERSBURG.

LONDON, 12th February.

The Japanese successes have caused such a panic on the St. Petersburg Bourse, that the situation there has become critical. Holders of Government stocks are losing enormously and several Banks are tottering.

FOOTBALL.

H. K. F. C. v. H. M. S. "CRESSY."

Played at Happy Valley, under Rugby rules, this match resulted in a win for the Hongkong Football Club. A large number of spectators, including H. E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., watched the game, play being of a very interesting description. *Cressy* won the toss and decided to play with the wind in their favour. Sandford, of the Club, kicked off. Following up, the Club kept the leather in the sailors' half for some time, showing superior play with regard to passing and organisation generally than their opponents. Sandford and Pearce played well together; work in the many scrums was fairly even. Eventually the Club made an onward movement, but after another scrum, a *Cressy* man got away with the ball, being collared till almost home. Arthur relieved the heavy pressure on the Club by a touch down. The ball being kicked the Club resumed their attack. By steady work the club eventually scored a try, honours falling to Pearce. Pearce, shortly afterwards, when bounding away with the oval, had his jersey pulled off his back by one of the naval team; some movement was caused by this incident. At half time the Club had scored a try to the *Cressy*'s nothing. In the second half the Club again manifested their superiority, though, indeed, the leather was kept in their half for some little time after resuming the game. Play changed about from one side to the other for some time. The Club getting away, a good try was scored by Whitmore. Pearce, in endeavouring to convert, shot straight, but did not put enough "beef" into the kick, the ball falling low. From this to the finish the naval team seemed to have lost heart, and the game lost interest somewhat. Whilst the game was in progress the ball and more on two occasions secured between the outstripping his opponents, scored between the posts, Pearce converting in each instance. The result was an easy win for the H.K.F.C.—2 goals, 2 tries (16 points) to nil.

SHIELD RIES.

Two matches in the second round of the Association Shield were played off last week, but for some reason no notification of the result was given to the local papers before. Both were in the second round and the results were as follows:—
H.M.S. *Albion* beat H.M.S. *Tamar* (2-0).
H.M.S. *Creedy* beat Sherwood Foresters (3-1) on the 11th inst.

This afternoon in the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Creedy*, starting at 4.30 p.m. The following will play for the Club:—
A. N. Other; goal; E. C. Anstey and E. V. Anceit, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonnar, and C. T. Lee, halves; W. H. Williams, C. E. S. Cooper, R. Hancock, R. A. Whitmore, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

THE WAR.

OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE TELEGRAMS.

The Japanese Consul, Mr. Masaihi Noma, sends us the following official telegram received by him from Japan on Saturday:—

"Tokyo, 12th February, 5.30 p.m.—On the 11th inst. two of our merchant vessels, the *Nakanoura Maru* and *Zensho Maru*, when on their way from Sakata to Otaru, were attacked and surrounded by four Russian cruisers near Henshik (Aomori prefecture). The *Nakanoura Maru* was sunk, but the *Zensho Maru* escaped to Fukuyama. These four Russian cruisers are still cruising round the northern coast of Japan."

With reference to these cruisers the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha received on Saturday the following telegram:—

"Shanghai, 12th February, 8.30 p.m.—A telegram received from our Head Office at Tokyo communicates that three Russian torpedo boats at Aomori."

The Japanese Consul sends us a copy of the report of Admiral Togo, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Squadron, on the 10th inst., which was substantially as follows:—

"At midnight on the 8th inst., our torpedo flotilla attacked with success the Russian Fleet in the outer roads of Port Arthur, and on the following day, the 9th, at 10 a.m. we made an attack for forty minutes, when the Russians fled into the harbour. At 1 p.m. we ceased firing and retired. Our ships were but slightly damaged, none being lost. Our losses were four killed and fifty-four wounded. Imperial Princes are all in safety. Our torpedo flotilla rejoined the main squadron after the battle. Officers and men are in high spirits, and behaved with great gallantry during the fight, as if at ordinary manoeuvres."

The Japanese Consul further informed us yesterday that he had received the following official message:—

"Request made through British Consul to our Consul at Chemulpo for placing 34 of the wounded Russians under the care of some charitable Japanese was willingly acceded to. They will be placed in the Japanese Nursing Hospital at Chemulpo and treated by Japanese doctors."

At 11 p.m. on Friday the naval authorities received the following telegram:—

"During the fight outside Port Arthur on the morning of the 9th inst., four Japanese were killed and fifty-four wounded. Slight damage was done to the Japanese ships, but nothing to impair their fighting power."

EXCITING VOYAGE OF A JAPANESE STEAMER.

The steamship *Sado Maru*, of the Japan Mail Steamship Company, which arrived at the Royal Albert Docks on the 12th ult., arrived two days ahead of her scheduled time. Her voyage from Marseilles had been watched with some anxiety by the Company in view of the number of Russian war-ships which are known to be in the Mediterranean and in the Straits. A Press representative, in conversation with one of the officers yesterday, ascertained that a declaration of war between Japan and Russia had been expected daily throughout the vessel's voyage, and great was the relief of the crew on arrival at each successive port to ascertain that hostilities had not been commenced. The first occurrence, however, to arouse the apprehension of the officers was the presence of a Russian volunteer cruiser, heavily armed, at Hongkong on the arrival of the *Sado Maru* there. The Russian ship was still in port when the steamer left Hongkong, but on reaching Singapore there again was the same cruiser riding at anchor, having passed the *Sado Maru* on the voyage. The Russian vessel followed the Japanese steamer to Colombo, and it was only after leaving that port that the captain got rid of his unwelcome companion. In the Mediterranean the officers kept a sharp look-out, but Marseilles was reached without interference, although several Russian torpedo-boats were sighted in the neighbourhood of Malta. The steamer left the French port for London as the *Sado Maru*. This same night a remarkable change was effected in her appearance. Her Japanese name was obliterated, the black funnel of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats became red, while other alterations were made in the vessel's appearance, and, to complete the change, the vessel was rechristened the *Banin*. Then to get quickly out of the Mediterranean, the captain steamed on rapidly. Fortunately for the *Sado Maru*, rough weather was experienced during the latter part of the voyage, and no torpedo-boats could have lived in the heavy seas. Once in the shelter of the English Channel, the *Sado Maru* was safe from molestation, and steps were then taken to restore the ship to its original appearance.

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. "KING ALFRED."

The British Far Eastern Squadron was recruited by the arrival on Saturday of H.M.S. *King Alfred* from home. Captain H. G. King, R.N., is in command. She brings a large number of recruits for the ships on the station. It was originally intended that the *King Alfred* would not remain here but would carry back the time-expired men from the *Glory*. The *King Alfred* is a sister ship of the *Leviathan*, and is one of the four armoured cruisers of the *Drake* class. She is a vessel of 14,100 tons, 31,156 horse-power. Her armament consists of two 9.2-in., sixteen 6-in., fourteen 12-pdr., three 3-pdr., and nine light guns. Her complement is 813 and her coal capacity 2,500 tons. With her 23.46 knots speed she is a magnificent war-vessel.

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WM. PARLANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [57]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [523]

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E. A. HEWETT,

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [1]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-NIGHT (MONDAY), the 15th FEBRUARY, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely.

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [524]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [521]

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Princes' Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [523]

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [522]

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1904. [524]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [526]

WANTED NURSE.

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Apply by letter to—

BOX 701, Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [507]

FOR SALE.

THE NEW AMOY HOTEL.

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F. H. LUCASSEN, Proprietor, Amoy.

Amoy, 20th January, 1904. [321]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

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No. 2, Connaught Road, 4th Floor.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [498]

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NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that a new Certificate for the said Six Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., General Agents for the

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD. Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [503]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [314]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [386]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th to the 20th day of FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [385]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Prince's Road, on MONDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1904. [399]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th FEBRUARY, to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instant, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [488]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

OWNERS OF HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria are hereby notified that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws any domestic building or part of such building which is occupied by more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Board, be CLEANSED and LIMEDWASHED throughout to the satisfaction of the Board during the months of January and February.

The Sanitary Board being convinced of the necessity of Cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the 25th February.

Note.—The boundaries of the above Districts have been altered and are now as follows:—

THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY is BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY GRAHAM STREET AND ENDICOTT STREET.

The Eastern Division of Kowloon is bounded on the north by Robinson Road and a straight line drawn from the north end thereof through the Yauwatt service reservoir to the northern boundary of Kowloon.

By Order,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, 4th January, 1904. [136]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Mr. HAMID HAJJE ALARKHTA is about to leave the Colony. Mr. SULEMAN KARI MAHOMED has taken over charge of our business, and will sign for Firm from this date.

M. H. E-SACK ELLIAS,

Hongkong, 9th February, 1904. [472]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence from the Colony of Mr. A. H. MANCILL, Secretary, Mr. J. A. TARRANT, is Authorized to sign "for Secretary."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [513]

AUCTION

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GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [518]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, at 5.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of passing the Accounts for the Year 1903 and electing a Committee and Officers for the present year.

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [514]

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Hongkong, 4th October, 1903. [283]

A FRENCH VIEW OF THE COREAN QUESTION.

The *Elclair* (Paris) publishes a letter from M. André Cheradame, the well-known French writer, dated from Hongkong, November 26, in which he examines the respective interests of Russia and Japan in Corea. M. Cheradame says that, as he understands it, the simplest form in which the Korean question presents itself is the following:—Will Corea remain a region where the Japanese will acquire in time of peace a dominant position economically, or, on the contrary, will either the Russians or the Japanese attempt by force to take possession of it politically? Corea, with its soil, which is said to be rich in gold, silver, copper, iron and coal, and with its advantageous geographical situation, is likely to become the prey of one of these two Powers. Among themselves many Russians say:—Now that we have Manchuria, Corea ought also to be ours. We must of necessity possess the south-east part of the Asiatic continent. If those desires should be realised, says M. Cheradame, Dalny would evidently be no longer the terminus of the Transcontinental Asiatic Railway; it would yield its place to a port on the south of Corea, probably Fusan.

With reference to these hypotheses, M. Cheradame draws attention to the importance of the point named Lianyung. Lianyung is at present a station of the Trans-Manchurian railway between Newchwang and Mukden, about three hours to the south of the latter point. For the last three years the Russians have been strongly installed at Lianyung, a very interesting fact, for the reason that this is the point of junction between the Trans-Manchurian and the old Chinese telegraph line, which follows the route from Lianyung to the Yalu, that is to say, the northern frontier of Corea. It has already frequently been said that the Russians contemplate the construction of a railway following the same direction. It is, therefore, this projected railway which might eventually become the instrument of the invasion of Corea.

In addition to these partisans of a total absorption, there are, continues M. Cheradame, others who say that they do not wish for all Corea, but simply for the part situated to the north of a line drawn from the further end of the Bay of Corea to the south of Port Lazareff, thus joining the points where the Korean peninsula narrows down. The advantage of this occupation would be to give Russia a much less extended frontier, and therefore one much easier and less costly to guard. Representatives of the Tsar, and notably those who understand the consequences which an indefinite advance towards the East would involve for the foreign policy of Russia, all tend to incline to what is called the "independence of Corea." The Japanese, for their part, declare that they are in favour of this independence, which, however, they interpret after a fashion of their own. It was through Corea that Chinese civilisation reached Japan, and the Japanese have remained for centuries constantly in relations with this country, which of all the Asiatic continent is the nearest to their own. To-day, when the population of the Japanese archipelago exceeds 40 millions of inhabitants, and is quite easy to understand, it is that Corea appears to the Government at Tokio as a natural and, indeed, an indispensable outlet.

The Russians, who since installing themselves at Port Arthur have frequently officially declared their wish to respect the independence of Corea, at present content themselves with exploiting on the Yalu the rich, wooded territories of which the Korean Government has made them concessions. It is true that these concessions have not yet been clearly delimited; that is a circumstance susceptible of giving rise to ulterior difficulties. The Japanese, on the contrary, are already almost everywhere in Corea. They people all the parts of the coast, where their clean new houses contrast favourably with the miserable huts of the Korean fishermen, although in their own country, have assumed already the appearance of a subject people. At Seoul the Japanese have a very important colony on ground which has been conceded to them. They have also created in the centre of the Korean capital a veritable Japanese city. They have their own soldiers, to the number of several hundreds, well equipped and armed, and their own policemen, who in case of need would not hesitate at all to go to the aid of their fellow-countrymen whom they considered likely to be molested. The Japanese, whose number constantly increases at Seoul, continually enlarge their concessions. As it has no precise limits, and as the Koreans are incredibly timid, the subjects of the Mikado do in reality pretty much as they please.

In Corea, moreover, certain of the instruments of sovereign power are already in their hands. They have a Japanese bank, whose notes circulate throughout the whole of the peninsula. They have a Japanese post at Seoul, provided with an excellent office. Most of the telegraph lines are in their hands, as well as the railway from Seoul to Chemulpo, which they purchased from an American company. They are also reconnoitring the important Fusan-Seoul line, which they are constructing themselves, and which will be completely open for traffic in three or four years from now. In time of peace the economic occupation of Corea by the Japanese is, therefore, in process of realisation.

Consequently, it is easy to see, concludes M. Cheradame, that, having been obliged to evacuate the peninsula of Liaotung to sea it occupied by the Russians, after having been led progressively to renounce all pretension to Manchuria, the Japanese are firmly resolved not to complete the possibility of the seizure by Russia of a country which is within their sphere of influence. They will not consent to any text to sacrifice the results of enormous efforts which are already in a fair way of attaining success.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their Weekly Share List, dated Hongkong, 13th February:—

War has at last broken out between Russia and Japan, but it is to be hoped that the hostilities may be localised, and that none of the Great Western Powers will be drawn into the conflict. Business, under such circumstances, has been very limited and chiefly confined to Shipping Shares, in which some trading has been done at rising rates; but the market for these shares closes somewhat quieter, the rising sterling exchange naturally depressing the market adversely. The sterling demand rate on London is 11 3/16d., while the rates on Shanghai are quite nominal, the money market being disturbed on account of the approaching Chinese New Year.

BANK SHARES.—A few Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares sold at \$64 1/2, but there are sellers now at \$64; the London rate is \$61.

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MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Nothing has been done in stocks under this heading, and quotations are unchanged with the exception of China Traders, which are on offer at \$55.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai Fire Insurance Co. shares sold at \$305; the 35th

ordinary annual meeting of shareholders will be held on 5th proximo, transfer books closing from 20th instant to 5th proximo. Chinas have sellers at \$9 1/2; the 35th ordinary meeting of shareholders will be held on 10th proximo, transfer books closing from 25th instant to 10th proximo.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao, sold at declining rates, and there are now sellers at \$38 1/2, the dividend of \$1 1/2 per share paid on 8th inst. Indo-China continued the upward movement reported in our last circular, and up to \$85 cash, also up to \$88 for 31st July has been paid, the market closing somewhat easier with cash sellers at \$34; the cash rate in Shanghai is 7 1/4 5/8. China and Manchu sold up to \$25, but a few more shares are for sale. Douglases sold in fair quantities at \$35 cash and \$36 1/2 for end of the month, closing with cash sellers at \$35. Star Ferry is unchanged. Sui Hai Transporters have been fixed at 2 1/2. Od. to 2 1/2. Od., closing with sellers at 2 1/2. Od.

REFINERIES.—China sugars sold at \$105 to \$106 cash and are in demand; business has been done as high as \$109 for 31st March, and \$112 for 30th June, but time shares are on offer at various unquoted.

Mining Shares.—Without business; the result of January trading at the Panjion Mines, as received by wire, is as follows:—07 ounces gold from 950 tons ore sold, estimated value being \$2,300. A subsequent sale announced an "important discovery at Marik, likely to prove a valuable ore body." The directors have instructed Mr. Lock, the Rand Australian Gold Mining Co.'s manager, to report on the value of the concession generally, so that they may lay before the general meeting, which is expected to be held in March next, as complete a statement as possible of the value of the Company's property.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company shares sold at \$208 and \$207, and are on offer at latter rate; shares also sold at \$212 1/2. Apr. 1 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s shares can be placed at \$85. Now Amoy Docks exchanged. Farnham sold locally up to \$129; the latest Shanghai quotation is \$13; buyers. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf and Godown Co.'s shares are quoted \$13 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS, and BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land, as well as Kowloon Land, also West Point are unchanged and no business has been transacted; the West Point Building Company, Limited, notices that certificates No. 448 for 6 shares (Nos. 11,451 to 11,456) standing in the name of Mrs. Florence Mins Hunt, has been lost, and unless produced on or before the 25th instant, a new certificate will be issued, the old one being thereafter considered as null and void. Hongkong Hotels have sellers at \$145. Humphreys' Estates sold at \$104 to \$106 per old share, ex the dividend of 90 cents per share paid on 11th inst., and have further sellers. Shanghai Lands are wanted at \$11.

COTTON MILLS.—No local business has been done and Shanghai quotations are unchanged, with the exception of Loon King Mills, which sold in the north at \$23 1/2; the 10th ordinary general meeting of this Company will be held on 24th inst., transfer books being closed now till that date.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have sellers at \$25 1/2 and China Borneo buyers at \$24. Watsons have sellers at \$141. Electricies are on offer at rates quoted last. Ropes sold at \$140 per share ex the dividend of \$10 per share paid on 8th inst. Geo. Farnwick has buyers at \$51. Icos are on offer at \$228 ex the final dividend of \$12 per share paid on 11th inst. Tebrans are offering at \$13. China Exports sold at \$7, while Wm. Powells have been negotiated at \$3 1/2. Langkats are quoted in the north at \$30; the following telegraphic information dated 1st inst., has been received from the Sumatra director and manager in Langkat: "Daily aggregate output of crude petroleum 84,000 gallons; crude petroleum in tanks at date 136,000 gallons; kerosene made since the date of the preceding half-monthly telegram 82,000 cases; kerosene shipped since 82,000 cases; kerosene in stock at refinery at date 74,000 cases."

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [508]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
HONGKONG, 11th February, 1904.

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THE H.A.L. Steamship

"ANDALUSIA," Captain G. Schmidt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
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